



EXECUTIVE ORDER (NO. EO/BOS/01 OF 2024)

TO:

- 1. ALL RESIDENTS AND WORKERS OF LAGOS STATE**
- 2. ALL MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT (FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING)**

SUBJECT: AN ORDER FOR THE COMPULSORY SUBSCRIPTION TO SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME BY ALL RESIDENTS AND WORKERS OF LAGOS STATE

WHEREAS:

- I. Pursuant to the Lagos State Health Scheme Law, Cap. L32, Laws of Lagos State, 2015 (referred to in this Order as "the Law") the Lagos State Health Management Agency was established to ensure good affordable and quality healthcare services for residents of Lagos State (the "State").
- II. The Lagos State Health Scheme (LSHS) seeks to promote Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in the State, guaranteeing residents of Lagos State access to quality healthcare services irrespective of socio-economic status.
- III. The National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) Act 2022 has also made Social Health Insurance mandatory for all residents of Nigeria and requires all States to establish and implement State Social Health Insurance Schemes for their residents.
- IV. The Law makes it compulsory for all residents in the State working in the public and private sectors, including the self-employed and unemployed to subscribe to a Social Health Insurance Scheme either through the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) or through a Lagos State NHIA accredited private health insurance provider.
- V. Towards achieving the State Government's agenda on improvement of the State's health sector and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in the State, through the Social Health Insurance Scheme, the State Government is committed to ensuring approval and release of Equity Funds for the coverage

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of the vulnerable residents of Lagos State, who cannot afford any insurance plan under the Scheme.

- VI. Therefore, there is a need to consider and issue an Executive Order to all residents and workers in Lagos State; and State Government MDAs to ensure compulsory subscription by all residents and workers in Lagos State to the Social Health Insurance Plan through the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) or Lagos State NHIA accredited private health insurance providers.

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

As from the commencement of this Executive Order –

1. All Residents, Employers and Workers in Lagos State shall comply with the Lagos State Health Scheme Law of 2015 and the NHIA Act of 2022 which makes health Insurance compulsory.
2. All Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) are hereby directed to ensure that all Residents and Workers in Lagos State seeking to access their services must have subscribed to the Social Health Insurance Plan through the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) or Lagos State NHIA accredited private health insurance providers.
3. All Residents, Employers and Workers in Lagos State shall procure their social health insurance from Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) or any NHIA-accredited health insurance provider registered with the Lagos State Government.
4. All MDAs are hereby directed to request for proof of social health insurance registration, either directly from Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) or from a Lagos State certified private health insurance provider before providing access to Lagos State residents and workers seeking to access their services.

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5. All residents and workers in Lagos State who do not possess a valid Social Health Insurance Plan will be required to register or renew their expired plans before they can access any public or private healthcare facility in the State.
6. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, a healthcare facility would be required to stabilize the resident (patient) without requesting evidence of Health Insurance Plan or enrolment. Upon being stabilized, the patient will be required to provide evidence of Social Health Insurance Plan or register for the Social Health Insurance Plan through the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA), or Lagos State NHIA accredited private health insurance providers, to be able to have access to further medical services.
7. Vulnerable residents who cannot afford the State Social Health Insurance Plan are to be profiled by an appropriate officer in the public healthcare facility and referred to Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) for enrolment under the Equity Fund.
8. The Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) shall carry out public awareness and education on the significance and mandatory nature of Social Health Insurance.
9. The Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) shall carry out such other activities as are necessary or expedient for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Lagos State Health Scheme (LSHS) under the Law.
10. All Employers, Residents and Workers in Lagos State shall comply with all regulatory and policy guidelines issued by the Lagos State Ministry of Health pursuant to the LSHS Law 2015 and this Executive Order.

This Executive Order is issued in furtherance of promoting and providing quality healthcare services to all residents of the State irrespective of their financial status and to this regard, there shall be full compliance or enforcement of the provisions of this Executive Order. This Executive Order shall take effect from the date of issuance.

Please give this Order the widest publicity it deserves.

Issued this ^{16th}..... day of July 2024

A red ink signature of Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, the Governor of Lagos State, is written over a circular stamp.

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